

## **ABSTRACT**

The invention consists of a method of providing XML web services on an embedded device. A web server is provided on  
5 the embedded device and a XML web services extension is installed on the web server. When the web server receives an HTTP request combined with a SOAP request from a web client, the web server forwards the SOAP request to the XML web services extension. The XML web services extension  
10 processes the SOAP request and produces a SOAP response. The SOAP response is combined with an HTTP response and returned by the web server to the web client.